

**Editing**  
Exercise 3

This exercise tests your skills in editing. Each of the sentences contains underlined sections. Circle the underlined section where an error occurs. There is no more than one error in each sentence. If there is no error, circle No error.

1. Entertainment begun at noon every day, featuring jazz and rock musicians who had auditioned for the festival months earlier. No error.
2. Witnesses reported that police attacked the mob with birdshot and tear gas and that there were thousands of students which joined school boycotts in the large cities. No error.
3. He hired eager, hard-working college students whom he trained, and within six months they are as good as any professional. No error.
4. If I would have solved my problems in the beginning, I would have saved myself some trouble. No error.
5. My little brother came into the house and asked me was it all right for him to go outside and ride his bike. No error.
6. If he worked up to capacity, he would have been the valedictorian of the class, but he chose to squander his talents by settling for mediocrity. No error.
7. The king and his nobles took off all their finery, and then they dressed themselves up like tramps and blackened their faces and tore their clothes. No error.
8. The mission of the warship was seeking out and to confront an extraterrestrial world where silent, eerie creatures are used as deadly weapons. No error.
9. Careful, ever so careful, he crept into the old man's room and shined the light from his lantern directly onto the old man's evil eye. No error.
10. Many students fail to realized that core courses, such as literature, composition, and history, are as important to their success or failure in a good job as career-oriented courses, such as accounting and computer science. No error.

11. In today's society, handicap children are often discriminated against in schools, and parents are consistently turning to the federal courts to ensure that their children receive due protection under the law. No error.
12. Although I am used to jogging and lifting weights, last night after working out in the gym I was so tired I couldn't eat dinner and had to lay down and rest. No error.
13. John said that Melissa's getting the only A was an insult to the whole class; "she is no smarter than me or anybody else in the class," he insisted. No error.
14. Mary hates doing her chores and is going only through the motions of doing what she is supposed to be doing. No error.
15. On those days when I have nothing in particular to write about, I open simply my notebook and begin to write down whatever comes into my head. No error.
16. Local school boards are greatly concerned about the shortage of teachers; since the teaching profession doesn't pay as good as business and other professions, such as law and medicine, young people are not entering the teaching profession in as large numbers as they did in the past. No error.
17. From the theory of evolution, developed by Charles Darwin, has come the theories of determinism and its patterns of realism and naturalism in literature. No error.
18. The administrators of the beleaguered university must make a decision: either they will treat the athletes like any other students, or you will find that the students will stage angry demonstrations, disrupting classes at every turn. No error.
19. The storm, battering the coast with heavy winds and tornadoes and pushing sea water across coastal islands, is expected to continue on its path of destruction for another three hours. No error.
20. Those kind of people are the ones who themselves are the noisemakers, yet they complain loudly

when other people make the slightest noise. No error.